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DISCUSS WORK AMONG THE POOR

Ministerial Union Takes Up Interesting Subject and Hears Dr. Buchanan Speak—Analysis of Figures Presented by Society.

The study of the conditions in Richmond causing dependency was the subject of the discussion of Dr. James Buchanan's paper on social work among the poor, which occurred yesterday morning in the meeting of the Ministerial Union.

Dr. Buchanan presented the leading features of the paper, and in the analysis of the conditions of last year, emphasized the work done for able-bodied men during 1905. It was shown how not men who had come to Richmond penniless had been housed and fed. After they had been placed upon their feet, it had remained to start them on the road to some employment, which was the least of the difficulties in the way of all such work. The men were willing to accept work, as the field of labor in this city is large and the laborers few.

Startling Condition.

In an analysis of family help it was shown that 1,989 families had been helped to self-support. Of these 1,989 families, forty per cent. of the dependency had been due to improvidence and immorality, a startling phase of the work, when it is considered that in all of the families are children being brought up in an atmosphere that is beyond description. This part of the work was discussed by Dr. Myles and Rev. A. H. Sharpe, both of whom deplored the sentimental charity, to which these conditions are largely due. For this class of the dependents the most successful remedy is to be found in the hands of the husband and father to support their families, and also for the charitable class, whose children are being brought up in an atmosphere of immorality.

Twenty-six and a half per cent. of these families were made dependent either by the desertion of the husbands and fathers or by their incompetence and idleness. The unfortunate wives and mothers and

their children have all been helped with a display of charitable mindlessness that is rarely equaled in any city. When their cases had come to light, helping hands were extended immediately, and the poor women, most of whom were making shift to support their families as best they could, had never cause to suffer afterwards.

Dr. Buchanan described the methods of relieving these social needs, setting forth that every family had been personally visited, the causes of their distress discovered and help been afforded. In many cases, where necessary, money had been advanced, and all of it had been repaid. Dr. Buchanan went on to his work from the viewpoint of constructive charity—that is, helping people to help themselves. That the work has been done on a sound business basis, and in a most scientific manner is demonstrated by the fact that it has been accomplished at a profit of \$28,000. The result of the work, in a general way, is that the Associated Charities has made of idle, worthless men good, hard-working citizens for the city of Richmond.

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Will Be Amended.

The probability of the passage of the early closing ordinance will be a factor which prohibits curbs in front of the saloons after the doors are closed, is settling all of the saloons and their friends in the city. As to closing the doors at 12 o'clock at night and remaining closed until 6 o'clock in the morning, there is no protest raised by the men in the liquor business. But for removing the curbs and doing away with the frosted glasses, there is a strenuous opposition, and this opposition will crystallize before the Commission on the ordinance. It is almost certain that the provision will be stricken from the ordinance before the measure is finally passed.

May Be Delayed.

While the contract calls for the completion of the new fire plant by January 15th, Superintendent of Water Works C. H. Sharp does not think that it will be finished before March. Work has been somewhat delayed of late, but a large force is being sent to speed the completion of the plant.

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The other order issued yesterday discharges as deserters Cook, W. B. Breckenridge and Privates Charles R. Austin and W. C. Matthews, of Company H, Seventy-second Regiment. These men have been absent from the company drill for the last six months without the permission of the captain.

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